



**CULTIVATING RESOURCEFUL HEALERS:
WOMEN'S EDUCATIONAL LITERATURE AND MEDICAL
KNOWLEDGE IN EARLY MODERN JAPAN**
Japan Foundation Visiting Lecture

During the Tokugawa period (1603–1868), didactic literature for women increasingly featured an impressive amount of medical know-how. Largely overlooked within the history of medicine, moral guidebooks aimed at a female readership, such as *Onna daigaku* (The greater learning for women, 1716), in fact represent some of the most voluminous collections of therapeutic knowledge in early modern vernacular print. This presentation explores how these texts attempted to fashion readers into capable caregivers by strategically providing formulas from erudite medical treatises alongside simple remedies prepared with everyday ingredients found in and around the home. Just as importantly, these educational guidebooks contributed to engendering a new feminine ideal that imagined women as skilled and resourceful healers.

**Featuring Guest Speaker W. Evan Young,
Assistant Professor of History from Dickinson College**

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TIME: 4:00 to 5:30 PM

Location: Student Union Copper Room



All are welcome to attend!

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